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OF THE

TOWN OF KENSINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1861,

WITH THE

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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### Receipts.

Raised in State, County, Town, School and School-house taxes, on residents in said town,	\$2128 79
on non-residents,	319 27
By cash of Town Treasurer, for 1859,	178 07
Received of Collector for 1859,	10 00
“ 1858,	11 50
of County, for support of Jesse Roberts and E. Ramsdell and family,	49 96
of Abraham Morrill, note dated April 25, 1860,	180 00
for support of Samuel Tuck,	60 00
of State Treasurer, Literary Fund money,	36 00
“ “ Railroad money,	7 69
for use of Town Hall,	2 00
	<hr/> \$2983 28

### Expenditures.

Paid State tax in full,	\$147 70
County tax in full,	308 10
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## Schooling.

Paid A. G. M. Titcomb, Prudential Committee District No. 1,	\$323 00
Henry Brown, Prud. Comm. District No. 2,	241 00
Jonathan Palmer for Books,	88
S. P. Tuck, services as Superintending School Committee,	10 00
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## Contingencies.

Paid Benjamin Morrill's note,	\$170 63
J. W. Moulton for books,	1 00
Lavina Ramsdell for cleaning town house,	2 00
Ira E. Brown for notifying town officers,	15 50
John T. Blake, services as Moderator, 1859,	3 00
“ “ 1 pr. boots for J. Roberts,	1 50
Thomas J. Whitem, printing Town Reports, 1859,	9 00
Non-resident highway taxes, for 1860,	26 10
R.K. Hilliard, for repairing blinds on town house,	40
Joseph Reed for setting 2 guide posts,	50
Joshua Getchell & Son for stove for town house,	7 87
John T. Blake, settling with County,	1 50
Do. going to Salisbury twice for town, making taxes, 1860,	1 50
making and returning inventories,	7 00
services as Moderator, 1860,	3 00
putting up 9 travellers,	3 50
journey to Portsmouth in pauper case,	3 80
postage and stationery,	2 34
preparing town accounts and getting them printed,	2 00
broom for town house,	25
Thomas C. Shaw as Town Treasurer,	7 00
Jonathan Tuck, land and damage in part,	6 50
Ira Fellows, in full for land and damage on highway,	74 50
Ira Fellows, for collecting taxes in part,	23 00
	<hr/> \$376 39



### Town Clerk.

Paid W. H. Hodgdon, Services as Town Clerk,	\$6 00
for recording Inventory, \$4.00, Notifying Selectmen to attend jury meeting, \$3.97,	7 97
Drawing and notifying jurymen, \$3.50, Copy of record of highway districts, 80 cts,	4 80
Notifying persons to take oath of office, \$1.19, Services at Nov. election, \$1.00,	2 19
Marriages, Births and Deaths, \$1.20, Postage and Stationery, 52 cts.,	1 72
	<hr/> \$22 18

### Highways and Bridges.

Paid J. C. Blodgett, for labor on highway,	\$1 60
Lewis E. Gove, for building wall on Nathan Dow road,	18 00
Lewis E. Gove, for six days work on burying- ground,	6 00
Andrew J. Gove and others for work on Na- than Dow road,	64 00
Hyla D. Peacock for work on highway,	9 81
Andrew J. Shaw for work on highways, and bridges,	10 97
Samuel P. Tucke for labor on highway and bridges,	10 70
John Nudd, labor on highways and bridges,	3 62
	<hr/> \$124 70

### Breaking Snow Paths.

Paid Henry Brown,	\$8 90
Andrew J. Shaw,	23 60
Stephen R. Brown,	51 30
Samuel P. Tucke,	12 65
Charles C. Dow,	16 60
Weare N. Shaw,	9 84
Hyla D. Peacock,	62 35
Joseph N. Healey,	8 70
John Nudd,	54 85
Andrew I. Gove,	40 40
Josiah D. Prescott,	15 66
William Walton,	3 60
E. B. Chase,	2 90
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## Poor Bills.

Paid N. H. Asylum, board of Samuel Tuck, to Jan. 31, 1861, one year,	\$127 27
Nathaniel Eastman for boarding and clothing Joseph Sanborn, to March 15, 1861, one year,	52 00
Thomas Flanders for boarding and clothing Lois Pervere, one year ending March 15, 1861,	65 00
Thomas Flanders for nursing in sickness,	5 00
George W. Walton for goods delivered Eben. Ramsdell,	18 00
Mrs John Chase for extra nursing in sickness of Sally Dow,	8 00
for digging grave and attendance at funeral,	1 50
Doct. J. Brown, medical attendance on Sally Dow,	1 00
A mmi R. Wiggin, coffin for Sally Dow,	5 00
John T. Blake, going to Exeter for coffin for Sally Dow and attendance at funeral,	1 50
John T. Blake, robe for Sally Dow,	1 00
Hyla D. Peacock, boarding and clothing Jesse Roberts, from Jan. 7 to April 14, 1860, 14 weeks,	17 50
Hyla D. Peacock, boarding and clothing Jesse Roberts from April 14 to Sept. 25, 1860, 23 weeks,	28 75
T. H. Blake, supplies furnished E. Ramsdell, from March 10 to April 10, 1860,	14 46
T. H. Blake, supplies to E. Ramsdell and family, from April 16, 1860, to march 12, 1861, and to Jesse Roberts from Sept. 25, 1860 to Mar. 12, 1861,	168 180
T. H. Blake for supplies to Zacheus Roberts.	14 13
Jeremiah Poor, wood for " "	8 00
for the support of Lucy Weymouth,	85 72
Hannah Tibbets for boarding and clothing C. O. Tibbets, one year ending April 11, 1861,	40 00
A. E. Tibbets, one year ending March 23, 1861,	30 00
Sidney Tibbets " " " 16, 1861,	30 00
Doct. T. G. Hurd, medical attendance in E. Ramsdell family,	11 00
Doct. J. G. Ladd, " " " "	1 34
Ann M. Chase for boarding Catharine Hughes and family,	17 00
H. Dow & Co., 2 pair shoes for " " "	1 37
Mrs Farnum, nursing " " "	13 00
John M. Farnum, house rent, cutting wood, &c., for "	6 50
Benjamin Brown for boarding	23 00
Daniel G. York, 10 ft. Hemlock " "	4 00
Weare N. Shaw for moving Mrs. Hughes to Newburyport	4 50
Doct. J. Brown for medical attendance on C. Hughes and family,	2 00
Doct. Wm. G. Perry, " " "	5 00
A. Richardson for provisions " " "	1 46

W. A. Shaw for milk, C. H. Hughes family	60
John Chase for boarding, " " "	6 00
G. C. Lyford & Co., for goods " " "	7 08
T. H. Blake, supplies for " " "	34 32
Mary Rowe attendance on " " "	1 20
J. C. Blodgett, attending funeral of Sally Dow,	1 00
Thomas C. Shaw, potatoes and apples for E. Ramsdell,	2 70
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	\$865 08

### Selectmen's Bills.

For their services as Selectmen,	\$27 00
Auditing Selectmen's accounts,	3 00
Taking Inventory,	18 00
As Overseers of the Poor,	13 00
Correcting check lists,	4 50
Enrolling soldiers,	75
Appraising woodland,	12 00
Examining bridges,	2 00
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	\$80 25

### Abatements.

Heirs of James Odlin overrated,	\$ 41
William Rowe, " "	1 85
True M. Prescott, " "	60
Stephen Green, " "	1 23
Sarah Fellows, " "	2 04
John Collins, " "	27
Cyrus D. Wadleigh, " "	23
Stephen J. Eaton, " "	86
Nutter Brown, horse died,	30
Samuel Shaw, poll tax 1860,	2 06
Heirs David Simpson,	1 57
George S. Chesley's poll tax 1860,	2 22
James Hughes " "	2 22
Charles Atherton's " "	2 06
Dorothy Brown,	43
Alfred J. Tuck, " "	2 06
Ira Fellows, overrated,	65
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	\$21 06
Whole amount of money raised and received,	\$2,983 28
Amount paid out,	2,831 63
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	\$151 65
Remains in the hands of Ira Fellows, Collector for 1860,	132 65
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Remains in the hands of Treasurer,	\$19 00



Remains in the hands of Francis Hilliard, Collector,	1851,	\$32 45
" " " George A. Chase,	" 1853,	10 19
" " " John Page, Jr.,	" 1856-7,	31 66
" " " Stephen Green,	" 1854,	2 96
" " " T. H. Blake,	" 1858,	26 78
" " " J. W. Brown,	" 1859,	30 00

Town Dr. to Literary fund money,	36 00
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### Town Debt.

Edmund Morrill, Salisbury, note dated April 21, 1858,	\$300 00
Joseph Odlin, Exeter, note and interest from June 5, 1859,	500 00
William Rowe, note and interest,	168 00
Abraham Morrill Salisbury, note dated May 31, 1859, 5 per. ct.	500 00
John L. Lamprey, note dated March 3, 1860,	650 68
Josiah D. Prescott's note,	50 00
Abraham Morrill, Salisbury, note dated April 25, 1860,	180 00
Heirs of Mary Poor for land and damage,	8 00
William F. Towle, " "	12 00
William Rowe,	39 34
Jonathan Tuck,	74 75
Sewell Felch.	27 63

JOHN T. BLAKE, } *Selectmen*  
THOS. C. SHAW, } *of*  
BENJAMIN F. LOVERING, } *Kensington.*

We the subscribers have examined the foregoing accounts and find them rightly cast and properly vouched and approve the same.

IRA E. BROWN,  
JOHN P. LAMPREY, } *Auditors.*



# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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### DISTRICT No. I.

#### SUMMER TERM.

THE commencement of this school having been delayed several weeks later than usual, on account of a thorough reconstruction and refitting of the schoolroom, opened May 15th, under the instruction of Miss SARAH E. BLAKE, a native and citizen of this District. From a limited personal acquaintance with this young lady, previous to her being solicited to assume the duties of teacher in this school, the committee were well assured, and in fact, perfectly confident that she possessed every legal requirement, together with intellectual and physical stamina, to insure her a success in this vocation, both as teacher and disciplinarian. Upon our visiting her school at the early part of its session, we were fully confirmed in our previous opinion, that she really was endowed with a very happy combination of all those most essential prerequisites which never fail to command high honor in this pursuit—namely—high morality, almost spirituelle—corporeal vigor—an aptitude to teach—a superior felicity in imparting knowledge—zeal and devotion to her duties—patience—a truly amiable kindness and a faculty not often met with, of interesting, encouraging and pressing forward her pupils in all their various studies, yet without making them burdensome or too much of a task, together with unusual tact displayed in the police department of her duties.—We are pleased to say, in behalf of the citizens of the District, and individually, that the final result proved her capacity and capability, inasmuch as we saw nothing to censure, and hear of no complaints or grievances. On the part of the scholars, we observed a general quietness and good order and attention, each individual to his own proper affairs. We found this school-room during the Summer term, always neat and in perfect order. From such superior and acknowledged natural and hereditary abilities, as this school has heretofore been characterized, together with the efforts of an energetic and accomplished teacher, good results could only be expected. At the close of the school, as on other occasions of our visits, many evidences of improvement were distinctly apparent, particularly all those in reading.

Of the classes in Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic and Writing, advances were at once seen. In fact our fondest expectations in respect to the proficiency and government, were more than realized.

Whole number of scholars	- - - - -	46
Average attendance	- - - - -	35
Length of School, weeks,	- - - - -	18
Wages per month, inclusive of board	- - - - -	\$18 00

## DISTRICT No. II.

THIS District were again most fortunate in securing for the entire season the services of their former truly faithful and highly successful veteran teacher, MISS. MARIA L. LYFORD, of Brentwood. To repeat what has been before said in previous reports, that she has proved herself a most accomplished, thorough and eminently popular teacher, and has given entire satisfaction throughout the whole District, is bestowing upon her many highly deserving merits, but faint praise. The employment of a good teacher for a number of consecutive terms, even at an increased rate of compensation is usually a safe procedure. Such advantages as are incident to all cases of this nature, this District were fully apprized, and governed themselves accordingly, by early securing her services. This school not having closed when our brief report was made up, will, we have not the smallest doubt, constitute but another entire triumph on her part, in training mind, as well as a triumph over much disorganized matter, embraced in the two school-houses and their appendages. We sincerely hope and trust that the people of this District will, without regard to age, sex, condition, politics or religion, soon conclude to build and furnish one good and sufficiently large school house.

That will not only be an ornament to the School District, but an honor to all concerned. In considering the state and condition of the miserable nuisances—not even apologies for school-houses as they now are, together with the conveniences and architectural attractions of the out buildings we are greatly surprised that the female attendance should be as large as the Register indicates, particularly in winter. In this school, the classes in reading, appeared to advantage. But when all appeared so well generally, and gave unmistakable evidences of advancement and good training, it would be invidious to particularize or make any individual comparisons.

Length of School, Summer term, weeks,	- - - - -	17
Wages per month, inclusive of board	- - - - -	\$24 00
Whole number of scholars	- - - - -	53
Average attendance	- - - - -	43
Length of School, Winter term, weeks,	- - - - -	19
Wages per month, inclusive of board,	- - - - -	\$25 00
Whole number of scholars	- - - - -	42
Number over 16 years of age	- - - - -	6
Average attendance during Winter term	- - - - -	25
Average attendance during entire season of thirty-six weeks	- - - - -	34

## DISTRICT No. I.

## WINTER TERM.

MR. SAMUEL P. DAME of Exeter, a member of Bowdoin College, entered upon the duties of this School Nov. 5. The occasion was, as we understand, his first appearance upon the public stage as teacher of the young idea. With his modest and unassuming, gentle and unpretending manners and address, we were favorably impressed. In his examination, so far as we are competent of judging, he passed a fair one. Although we were inclined, in consideration of its being his first appearance before so *august tribunal*, and from personal experience, knowing somewhat of the usual embarrassments that accompany such occasions, to be somewhat lenient in our exactions, we did consider him fully possessed of the necessary book requisites, to teach and conduct successfully the School to which he was assigned. The result of his effort, which is now history unrecorded, but soon will be, with all its concomitants an *et ceteras*, has by no means proved that our confidence in his ability to manage the School to the good advantage of the District, and of his integrity as a young gentleman and scholar, were at all misplaced. We think he labored faithfully, fearlessly and conscientiously, with all the energy he possessed, to promote the welfare and best interests of those under his charge.

The highly praiseworthy manner in which the various classes in arithmetic, geography and grammar acquitted themselves at the final examination, prove his aptitude and capability to teach; and if any of our friends have doubted, they should have been there upon this occasion. Upon the reading classes of the Winter School, we are sorrowfully constrained to say we have but little praise to confer—these classes, which include the whole, were chargeable with prominent faults and deficiencies;—some of which are a low, sluggish, monotonous and careless indifference of manner on the part of some, and a ding-dong, sing-song whining tone on the part of others. Even after having thrown out some hints, in regard to the way and manner we would like to see and hear reading taught, we were unable to discover any appreciable improvement.

We much regret that it becomes our duty to report such palpable defects in these very important branches of reading and orthography, for we should include this also. Notwithstanding the apparent severity of our remarks, we would not be understood as saying there were no decent readers in our Winter School. We might name two or three. And out of respect to any good teacher, we should in justice say, that we know the difficulties and hardships accompanying the attempts to counteract the pernicious indulgences and examples of former incompetent teachers. And there are other influences outside the school-room in this regard.

Our younger population, sometimes, we are induced to believe, attend our irregular ministrations of the Gospel, mostly at times, how-



ever, suited to their own fancy or caprice—occasionally they hear a wandering, whining, ignoramus lecturer—and perhaps once in four years, go to a political or religious mass meeting, and thereby acquire not always the most correct style of cadence and enunciation. And so it may be seen that one master should not be made chargeable with all the short comings of many blockheads.

In conclusion of our remarks here, permit us to say upon our own account and individual responsibility: pity the sorrows of the poor young man, whoever he may be, whose urgent necessities compel him to teach a country district Winter School for a living, any where.

Length of School, weeks,	- - - - -	16
Wages per month, inclusive of board	- - -	\$30 00
Whole number of scholars	- - - - -	42
Average attendance	- - - - -	21

S. PARSONS TUCKE,  
*Superintending School Committee.*

*Kensington, March 5, 1861.*